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INLAND WATER TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has a large potential for inland water transport ;

(b) if so, to what extent this potential is being tapped now; and

(c) the future plans of the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and the West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam alongwith the Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals have been declared as National Waterways and infrastructural facilities are being provided on these in a phased manner.

(c) The Government plans to provide and maintain necessary infrastructural facilities for development of the three National Waterways and also declaration of some new National Waterways depending on availability of resources.